(b) the time by which the bridge is expected to be opened for traffic;

(c) whether the construction work is going on as per the schedule; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No overbridge is underconstruction at Kalyan (Karjat End). However, construction of an over bridge at Kasara end of Kalyan in lieu of level crossing No. 41 at Km 53/26-27 is in progress.

(b) Road overbridge at Kalyan (Kasara end) is expected to be completed by etc. 98.

(c) and (d) Kalyan Muncipal Corporation has asked for modification of the General Arrangement Drawing.

Infrastructural facilities for farmers in Gujarat

1632. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have provided infrastructural facilities for post-harvest handling and marketing of vegetables and fruits to the farmers in the State of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the district-wise details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government have taken to provide high quality seeds and planning meterial to the farmers of the State to promote vegetable and fruits growing in the State to increase the income of the farmers?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The district-wise assistance provided by Central Government on project basis is as under:

Sl.	Name of Distt.	No. of Societies assisted by National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)	No. of Organisations funded by National Horticulture Board (NHB)
1.	Baroda	1	1
2.	Bharoach	1	-
3.	Bhavnagar	1	2
4.	Banaskantha	1	-
5.	Kaira	1	-
6.	Ahmedabad	1	-
7.	Gandhinagar	1	1
8.	Surat	-	7
9.	Valsad	26	-
	TOTAL:	7	37

(c) The Central Government is implementing a scheme on integrated development of temperate, tropical and arid zone fruits under which assistance is being provided for establishing nurseries and tissue culture units both in public and private sectors. The Central Government is also providing assistance for production of foundation seed of vegetables, distribution of vegetable seed minikits and production of true potato seed. The National Horticulture Board is providing assistance for establishing nutritional gardens in rural areas. Besides State Government is also providing quality fruit plants and vegetable seeds to the growers.

Central feed and fodder development schemes

1633. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Central Feed and Fodder Development Schemes are being implemented in the counry;

(b) if so, the States where such schemes are being implemented;

(c) whether any such scheme is being implemented in Orissa; and

(d) if not, the steps taken to launch that scheme in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the Eighth Plan period, all States have been supplied fodder seed minikits. Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme - Assistance to States for Feed and Fodder Development-the following States have been assisted:-

(1) Andhra Pradesh, (2) Arunachal Pradesh, (3) Gujarat, (4) Haryana, (5) Himachal Pradesh, (6) Jammu & Kashmir, (7) Karnataka, (8) Kerala, (9) Madhya Pradesh, (10) Maharashtra, (11) Manipur, (12) Meghalaya, (13) Mizoram, (14) Orissa, (15) Punjab, (16) Tamil Nadu, (17) Tripura, (18) Uttar Pradesh and (19) West Bengal.

(c) and (d) Fodder seed minikits have been supplied to Orissa. Further, under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme an amount of Rs. 77.55 lakhs has been released to Orissa during the Eighth Plan the details of which are in the Statement.

Statement

Centrally sponsored scheme - released to Orissa

Year	Name of the component	Amount released (Rs. in lakhs)	
1993-94	Granssland Development including grass reserves.		2.80
1994-95	Enrichment of straws/cellulosic waste	2.00	
	Establishment of Silvipastoral System for increasing Biomass Production.	1.30	3.30
1995-96	Strengthening of Fodder Seed Farm in the State	12.15	
	Establishment of Fodder Bank	40.50	
	Granssland Development including grass reserves	16.80	
	Sample Survey of area production and requirement of fodder crops	2.00	71.45
	TOTAL:		77.55

अहमदाबाद में विभागीय कार्यालय खोला जाना

1634. **श्री चीमन भाई हरीभाई शुक्ला:** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को अहमदाबाद में विभागीय कार्यालय खोलने के लिए कोई अभ्यावेदन प्राप्त हुए हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने यह मांग मान ली है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सतपाल महाराज): (क) अहमदाबाद में मंडल/जोनल कार्यालयों को स्थापित किए जाने के लिए कई अभ्यावेदन प्राप्त हुए हैं।

(ख) से (घ) विभिन्न तथ्यों पर विचार करते हुए सरकार ने छह नए क्षेत्रीय रेलवे कार्यालयों तथा आठ नए मंडल स्थापित करने का फैसला किया है, जिसमें एक मण्डल कार्यालय अहमदाबाद में स्थापित किया जाएगा।

Pilot 'Compact University' in Andhra Pradesh

1635. SHRIV. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal to grant a pilot 'compact University' for West Godavari district in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that youth with rural and agricultural background do not have the opportunity of higher education; and

(d) the steps proposed to study the proposal for a 'Compact University' in a predominantly